

**Final Environmental Impact Statement  
Ferron Natural Gas Development Project  
Carbon and Emery Counties, Utah**

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**Abstract**

Anadarko Petroleum Corporation, Chandler and Associates, LLC, and Texaco Exploration and Production, Inc. propose to develop two separate areas northeast and southwest of Price, Utah and extract natural gas. Questar Pipeline Company proposes to develop a new natural gas transmission pipeline as part of the Proposed Action. With the pipeline corridor, the Proposed Action encompasses a total of about 111,781 acres. The developments would involve drilling a maximum of 285 natural gas wells on Federal, State and private lands, constructing roads and gathering pipelines for natural gas and produced water, drilling wells for disposing of produced water, and construction of compressor stations to move the gas to the natural gas transmission pipeline. Construction would begin during 1999 and extend for five years. Production is expected to last 20 years.

Three alternatives were considered in detail. They were Alternative 1 — Proposed Action, Alternative 2 — Proposed Action with Additional Environmental Protection Measures, and Alternative 3 — No Action. Additionally, Alternatives 1 and 2 include an option to operate the facilities with electrical power instead of natural gas. Alternative 1 consisted of the Companies' proposals for extracting and transporting natural gas. Alternative 2 was developed in response to issues raised during the public and agency scoping process. This alternative would incorporate the same construction and operational components as the Proposed Action with additional Environmental Protection Measures applied to those actions taking place on federal lands. The No Action Alternative is required by the National Environmental Policy Act for comparison to other alternatives analyzed in the EIS. For this project, the No Action Alternative would not authorize additional natural gas development on Federal leases within the Project Area. Drilling could continue on State and private leases and access and pipelines across Federal lands to reach such proposed State and fee wells would be granted as required by BLM policy.

The Utah State Director is the Bureau of Land Management's Authorized Officer responsible for preparing this Draft Environmental Impact Statement.